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Hon. Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the pending Office Action mailed June 15, 2005, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested.

The **claims** are presented on pages 2-3.

Claims 24 and 26 are amended.

Claims 1-4, 6-8, 10, 12-15, 17-18 and 20-23 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 27-37 are added.

**Remarks** begin on page 4.